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POLICYTALK

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Center News and Events

Featured News



Senior Research Manager Named Outstanding Civic Health Partner by Civic Nebraska

Senior Research Manager **Janell Walther** was honored as the Outstanding Civic Health Partner for research excellence in the realm of public and civic engagement and policy on April 29. [Read More](#)

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Announcement](#)

Events

July 22-23, 2021

**Great Plains Disaster Behavioral
Health Conference**



This year's conference, *Building Resilience*, focuses on skills and techniques related to individual, organizational, and community levels of resilience. [Learn More](#)

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**Center Director Offers Perspective on
Role of Anonymous Reporting in**



Violence Prevention

Channel 8 KLKN-TV spoke to University of Nebraska Public Policy Center director **Mario Scalora** about threat assessment and prevention. [Learn More](#)

[Read Full Interview](#)

Spotlight of the Month

Behind the Scenes Snapshot

Our staff answered some in-depth questions so you can get to know the people working to better the community. Keep an eye out on the Public Policy Center channels (right) for updates [like this one!](#)

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Center News

Faculty Fellow Named Director of New UNL Center

Craig Allen, a professor in the UNL School of Natural Resources and a faculty fellow at the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, has been named director of the new Center for Resilience in Agricultural Working Landscapes at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. [Read more in Nebraska Today](#)

Nebraska Faculty Receive Promotions

Congratulations to the 109 University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty who received promotions or tenure this spring! The PPC would especially like to congratulate our colleagues and partners. [Read More](#)

Publications in the Journal of Threat Assessment and Management

Center Director Dr. Mario Scalora, Senior Research Specialist Rosa

Viñas-Racionero, and Associate James Cawood collaborated on research analyzing workplace violence and the reliability and predictive validity of violence risk assessment tools for potential physical violence cases in workplaces. The result of this collaboration "Comparison of the HCR-20v3, the WAVR-21v3, and the CAG performance across workplace homicide scenarios: A pilot study" and "The Cawood Assessment Grid for organizational (workplace) violence: Initial testing for interrater reliability and predictive validity" appeared in the Journal of Threat Assessment and Management.

Honorable Mentions

- **Lincoln Community Foundation's Give to Lincoln Day** fundraising event raised over \$7.6 million dollars and celebrated its 10th year! More than 29,000 donors contributed to local non-profits. Read more in the **Journal Star**.
- The **UNL Yeutter Institute for International Trade and Finance** issued their first "look-back" report highlights the 2020 launch of the Carnegie Endowment report on *U.S. Foreign Policy for the Middle Class: Perspectives from Nebraska*. The report is a collaboration of the Yeutter Institute, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the UNL Bureau of Business Research, and the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center. **Read Report**
- **Dr. Mario Scalora** has been elected to the board of the National Association of Threat Assessment Professionals for the 2021-2023 term. **Learn more at ATAP**
- **Dr. Jennifer Farley** has a new article in the *Journal of School Mental Health* titled "Assessing treatment integrity of parent-to-parent phone support for families of students with emotional and behavioral disturbance." **Read Publication**
- **Dr. Jennifer Farley's** article "School bullying: Do teachers know bullying when they see it?" appeared in the Winter 2021 issue of the practitioner journal *ReThinking Behavior*. **Read Publication**
- Undergraduate Research Assistant **Cole Shardelow** was named a Chancellor's Scholar and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in philosophy from the College of Arts and Sciences. Cole has been accepted into law school at the University of Maryland and will begin classes in the fall.

Community Resources

Nebraska Youth Suicide Prevention
Nebraska Youth Suicide Prevention is working to decrease the suicide rate among young people by sharing resources on their website for people currently dealing with anxiety and worry. During difficult or challenging times, mental health is especially

**National Suicide
Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255**

Free 24/7 confidential support for people in distress, prevention,

important.



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Nebraska Strong Recovery Project

The **Nebraska Strong Recovery Project** is working to help those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic by sharing resources on the Nebraska Strong website, Facebook, and Twitter. The hotlines provide free and confidential support for all Nebraskans experiencing difficulty during the events surrounding COVID-19.



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and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

Rural Response Hotline

1-800-464-0258
(M-F from 8AM-5PM)

Nebraska Family Helpline

1-888-866-8660
Free 24/7 confidential support for all Nebraskans.

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